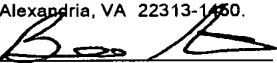


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AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

In response to the official action mailed October 20, 2006, Applicants submit the following amendments and remarks.

Regarding the Examiner interview that took place on March 5, 2007, Applicants' representative confirms that the substance of the interview is accurately stated in the Interview Summary that issued on March 22, 2007.